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1. The oil plants at Kiviõli, Ahtme, Sillamäe, Kohtla-Järve and Türi (a Swedish plant), all in northeastern Estonia, were damaged in 1944. The Germans destroyed two million tons of finished oil products at the time of their retreat.
2. The Kiviõli Oil Combine comprises an oil plant in Kiviõli and an oil shale pit. Communist Udras is director of this combine; another Communist, the former worker Livin, is deputy director and chief engineer; manager of the pit is Tammiksaar; chief engineer at the pit is Kovbas; and leader of the planning section is the Russian Pavlov. Neither the plant nor the pit are operating satisfactorily. Oil production is decreasing steadily. The plant can process only a part of the mined oil shale; the remainder is being stored. The plant lacks qualified engineers and workmen, has constant mechanical breakdowns, and is operating at a loss. It produces raw oil, motor oil, gasoline, diesel oil, motor petroleum and bitumen. Since the middle of 1946 a pipe-line has been under construction from the Kiviõli plant to Leningrad which will supply Leningrad with Estonian oil gas. The pit lacks qualified workers, drilling machines and electrical wiring. Drilling machines supplied by the Ilmarine plant in Tallinn broke down after a few hours' work. Electric and steam locomotives are in use at the pit, which is at present being enlarged. In October 1946 a new transporter belt, 400 meters long, was installed at the pit.
3. The Kohtla Oil Combine is operating satisfactorily. In October 1946 it received first prize in a production contest of the Estonian SSR and third prize (75,000 rubles) in a contest of the USSR Central Fuel Authority. The gasoline plant in Kohtla-Järve has been repaired and has reached its pre-war level of production. It has fifty generators and bitumen installations and has been equipped with a gas battery. Seven new pits are being constructed in Kohtla-Järve and Ahtme; four of these will start production in 1947.
4. The Ubja Oil Shale Pit, located in Ubja on the Rakvere-Kunda Railway, is in full production. Director of the pit is Raudsepp.
5. The Estonian Oil Shale Industry Construction Trust is in charge of new construction in the oil area. It is run by the following Russians: Sekurotov, director; Dobronin, chief engineer; Maksimov, in charge of technical equipment; and Sobolev, manager of administrative Section 1. The trust lacks construction material, such as electric drillers, electromotors, dynamite, and pumps, and is making little progress. Pits Number 2, 6, 8, 10, and 11 have been enlarged. Plans call for new pits as well as for new towns, oil plants, and power plants in the coastal area between Kohtla and Ahtme. A labor force of 9,000 is employed.

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